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SUBJECT:VISIT OF DR PETER TANOUS

1. DOD ADVISES THAT DR. PETER TANOUS HAS BEEN INVITED BY SHAYKH SALEM TO COME TO KUWAIT TO CONSULT WITH SHAYKH SAAD, EMIR, AND OTHERS CONCERNING MODERNIZATION OF KUWAITI ARMED FORCES. DR. TANOUS IS A WEST POINT GRADUATE, RETIRED COLONEL, AND AT ONE TIME HEAD OF U.S. ARMY SALES IN BONN (1961 - 64). JUST WHAT ROLE HE IS EXPECTED TO PLAY IN KUWAIT DEFENSE MODERNIZATION PLAN IS NOT KNOWN TO TANOUS AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, HE MAY BE UNDER CONSIDERATION AS AN OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL ADVISOR TO SHAYKH SALEM BASED BOTH UPON HIS MILITARY BACKGROUND AND HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE AMBASSADOR.

2. TANOUS IS WELL KNOWN TO ARP, AND LUMSDEN WORKED WITH HIM IN BONN. HE WAS COMPETENT, PROFESSIONAL OFFICER, AND WE EXPECT THAT HE WILL PROMOTE U.S.G. AND AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. HE REPRESENTS SEVERAL U.S. COMPANIES (INCLUDING CADILLAC GAGE) IN MIDDLE EAST
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AND ELSEWHERE, AND IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF MANY DOD

PERSONNEL.

3. HOENIG BRIEFED TANOUS ON 21 AUGUST ON THE KUWAITI PROGRAM WITH EMPHASIS ON TACTICS USED BY BOTH FRENCH AND BRITISH IN PROMOTING THEIR EQUIPMENT.

4. TANOUS WILL ARRIVE KUWAIT ABOUT 26 AUGUST AS GUEST OF SHAYKH SALEM. AT OUR REQUEST, HE WILL PAY COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR AND DEBRIEF EMBASSY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. RUSH

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